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Senate Bill 954 (As Introduced)

**Topic:** Local Emergency Management Plans

**Sponsor:** Senator Bishop

**Co-sponsors:** Senators Birkholz, Gilbert, Cropsey, Kuipers, and Allen

**Committee:** Senate Local, Urban and State Affairs

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The bill amends Section 9 of the Emergency Management Act by requiring a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more to appoint an emergency management coordinator. The coordinator is required to be appointed by the chief executive official in a manner provided by charter and serves under the direction of the appointing official or another official designated in the charter. The coordinator has the responsibility to prepare an emergency management plan.

Plans are required to be submitted to the Emergency Management Division of the Department of State Police for review and approval. The plan is required to provide for emergency management activities and specifically mentions mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The plan is required to include provisions for the dissemination of public information, and local broadcasters must be consulted in developing these provisions. Continuous update is required.

Each county health department is also required to submit an emergency management plan.